



# Tennessee Crop Weather

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## CARBON COPY OF PREVIOUS WEEK --- HARVEST CONTINUES BUT SLOWED BY RAIN

Farmers continued last week with the fall harvest but rains kept them out of the field for two days. Harvest, though, remains near an average pace. The soybean and cotton crops were basically mature at week's end and awaiting harvest when appropriate. The harvest focus is on soybean fields many of which need to dry down further before harvest. Reported yields per acre to date have been highly variable. Other activities last week included wheat seeding, tobacco harvest and market preparation and lime application.

There were 5 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 7 percent short, 82 percent adequate and 11 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 4 percent very short, 19 percent short, 70 percent adequate and 7 percent surplus. Rainfall amounts and temperatures averaged above normal across west and east Tennessee and slightly below average for the remainder of the state.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Cotton – Harvested	59	49	55	58	Pastures	1	7	32	52	8
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves	95	91	94	97						
Soybeans – Harvested	48	33	51	55						
Burley Tobacco – Harvested	93	90	98	97						
Burley Tobacco – Stripped	15	10	19	19						
Winter Wheat – Seeded	34	24	44	32						
Winter Wheat – Emerged	8	N/A	14	7						

N/A= not available

### County Agent Comments

*“Rains last week slowed harvest somewhat in Lauderdale County. Some producers are close to completing soybean harvest and turning all the attention to cotton. After talking with several producers, soybean and cotton yields are very much determined by which acres got rains or not.”*

**J.C. Dupree, Jr., Lauderdale County**

*“There was a slowing down (2-3 days) of harvesting due to rains.”*

**Walter Battle, Haywood County**

*“Storms that moved through late Wednesday night put a stop to harvesting the crop. Cotton harvest is moving pretty slow. Many people are starting to get the wheat seeded.”*

**Jake Mallard, Madison County**

*“Combines rolled at a rapid pace until stopped by thunderstorms mid-week in harvesting the soybean crop. Producers were also busy spreading lime and seeding winter wheat.”*

**Jeff Lannom, Weakley County**

*“Giles County got another inch of rain this week which slowed bean harvest. A few acres of late hay continue to be harvested.”*

**Kevin Rose, Giles County**

*“Raining just often enough to keep people out of the field.”*

**David Qualls, Lincoln County**

*“After a very early light frost, the weather has been very favorable in recent weeks and looks like tobacco will be completed and in the barn by this time next week with very little to no frost damage. Lots of small grains/ryegrass being drilled in pasture since the crabgrass is dying after frost.”*

**Jason Evitts, Trousdale County**

*“Significant rain again this week delayed most soybean harvest. Tobacco harvest is continuing. Some hay harvest is still being done. Producers are reporting that fall calves look good.”*

**Ruth Correll, Wilson County**

*“Rains continue to slow fall progress! For the third week in a row intermittent rain events have limited field activities to only one to two days a week. Rainfall ranging from .8 to 1.25 inches started the week off followed by another .75 to 1.4 inches early Thursday to keep fields and crop too wet to plant or harvest. Temperatures continue to be seasonable.”*

**Ed Burns, Franklin County**

*“Still cutting some late hay. Fields a little wet but corn is being harvested.”*

**Scott Chadwell, Putnam County**

*“Soybean harvest proceeding with yields over all good to excellent.”*

**Dale Beaty, Warren County**

*“Soybean harvest is well underway. Wheat is looking good so far.”*

**John Wilson, Blount County**

*“Fall tomatos are very productive. Disease and insect damage is at a normal level.”*

**Anthony Carver, Grainger County**

*“Moderate temperatures and rainfall have extended grazing this fall.”*

**Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County**

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION  
For week ending: October 21, 2012 (with comparisons)

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION					
	Week Ending October 21, 2012				Current Week 10/21/12	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal January 1	Current Since April 1	Departure From Normal April 1
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN						
West										
Ames_Plantation	79	36	58	-1	1.44	2	36.38	-4.92	25.88	-1.47
Brownsville_TN	79	40	59	-1	1.33	2	28.96	-12.25	18.72	-8.53
Covington	77	41	60	1	1.18	2	28.86	-11.58	16.72	-9.86
Dyersburg	79	41	61	1	1.52	2	24.48	-14.91	15.34	-11.07
Huntingdon_Wate	78	42	59	2	1.00	2	31.10	-11.19	22.41	-5.96
Jackson_Exp_Stn	79	40	60	2	1.74	2	37.17	-4.07	26.23	-1.58
Lexington_TN	76	38	58	-2	1.71	2	33.87	-6.36	22.72	-4.16
Martin	79	42	60	3	0.85	1	29.76	-12.10	19.00	-9.45
Memphis_AG	80	43	62	0	1.55	2	38.29	-1.98	27.24	0.64
Milan	78	40	59	3	1.31	2	35.25	-7.73	24.74	-4.45
Paris	76	43	58	2	1.16	2	29.60	-11.79	19.90	-7.81
Savannah_6SW	77	40	59	-1	1.18	2	38.83	-5.64	25.87	-2.96
Selmer	78	39	58	1	1.45	2	39.47	-4.29	26.68	-1.66
Union_City	79	41	58	2	0.77	1	30.37	-10.54	20.77	-6.79
Middle										
Clarksville_Sew	78	42	58	2	0.71	2	26.65	-13.29	17.27	-8.85
Cookeville	76	39	55	-3	0.73	2	47.14	1.75	32.01	1.82
Crossville_AP	69	38	55	2	0.76	2	38.09	-6.19	23.58	-5.50
Dickson_AG	78	40	57	-1	0.90	1	35.03	-7.56	23.23	-5.18
Dover_1W	78	43	58	3	1.20	2	32.54	-9.09	21.85	-5.71
Fayetteville_TN	77	41	60	3	2.47	3	47.18	4.51	32.19	4.97
Jamestown	72	37	54	-2	0.42	2	44.10	0.01	28.38	-1.72
Kingston_Spring	78	40	57	2	0.56	2	36.98	-4.12	26.03	-0.94
Lewisburg	77	35	57	0	1.19	2	33.93	-9.69	23.24	-5.64
Livingston_WLIV	74	39	56	-1	0.61	2	42.13	-0.05	25.88	-2.63
Lobelville	77	41	58	2	1.51	2	32.29	-11.28	21.66	-6.75
Murfreesboro_5N	77	39	57	0	0.74	1	39.93	-2.73	27.82	-0.90
Nashville_Metro	78	42	60	2	0.53	1	39.73	1.98	28.68	3.32
Oneida	74	39	55	3	0.24	2	42.86	-1.36	25.96	-4.24
Portland_TN	77	44	58	3	0.63	1	36.18	-4.67	24.50	-2.89
Pulaski_Water_P	75	40	58	-3	1.14	2	42.92	-0.79	31.69	3.55
Shelbyville	78	42	60	2	1.24	2	39.93	-3.87	26.01	-2.74
Sparta_TN	75	38	56	-1	0.99	2	41.91	-2.06	28.93	-0.32
Springfield	77	42	58	3	0.62	2	42.30	3.01	30.61	4.35
Springhill	79	35	57	1	0.87	1	40.04	-3.44	28.95	0.26
Tullahoma	76	42	60	2	1.06	2	41.13	-3.81	27.76	-1.04
Waynesboro_TN	75	40	57	2	0.93	1	42.48	-2.89	30.64	1.23
East										
Chattanooga/Lov	75	44	61	2	2.05	2	43.62	0.92	29.29	2.49
Cleveland_6NNE	74	40	57	-1	1.49	2	37.73	-6.11	26.16	-1.95
Dayton	73	39	56	-2	0.71	2	46.25	1.55	31.92	3.42
Erwin_1W	76	37	54	2	0.70	1	45.67	5.32	34.97	6.27
Gatlinburg_2SW	71	39	55	2	0.70	4	47.75	1.36	31.18	-1.12
Greeneville	75	36	55	0	0.62	1	39.16	3.85	28.04	3.54
Kingston_AG	75	41	57	3	1.17	2	49.31	2.76	34.33	4.03
Knoxville_AP	75	41	59	3	1.14	2	45.68	7.69	29.89	5.36
Newcomb	74	36	55	2	0.32	3	42.60	-1.62	26.14	-4.06
Norris_4NE	72	38	55	-1	0.67	3	45.05	2.78	28.54	0.32
Tri-City_RGNL_A	77	38	58	3	0.62	1	40.84	7.17	30.11	6.92

DFN = Departure from Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Rain Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more during the week. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) measured in inches.

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